

Diary of Hugh Blair  
of Sevierville, TN  
Dairy Entry of December 16, 1811

December 16th, 1811. The Town of Sevierville Experienced the Shock of an Earth Quake, but not noticed by all its Inhabitants - Descriptions of it at Knoxville it happened between 12 and 1 o'clock Begun with a rumbling more like Distant thunder and caused the Earth to shake for some minutes a Flash of fire was discovered to the North ward. At this place it alarmed the whole town by the noise of the rumbling and ratling of the windows and furniture of the Houses. three other Shocks happened in Succession Between that and sun rise But lighter. the funder westward the harder.